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STATUS OF THE APPLICATION

1. This Office action is in response to the Amendment After Final filed 24 June 2004. The Examiner has approved entry of the amendment.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record on a matter of form appears below. This action is not to be construed as a Notice of Allowability of the claims.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John M. Sanders on 20 July 2004.

At claim 17, line 3, "rNA-Type" has been amended to read -- RNA-type --.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The Information Disclosure Statement filed 2 July 2004 has been considered. Applicant has paid the required fee and provided the required statement under 37 CFR 1.97 (d). A signed copy is attached hereto.


SUSPENSION OF ACTION


4. All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.
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